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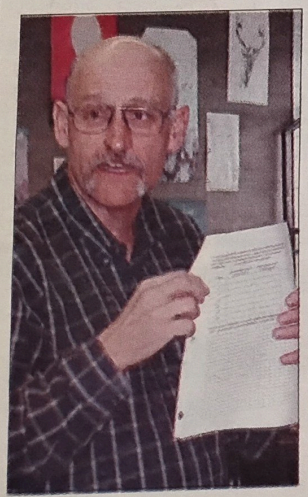

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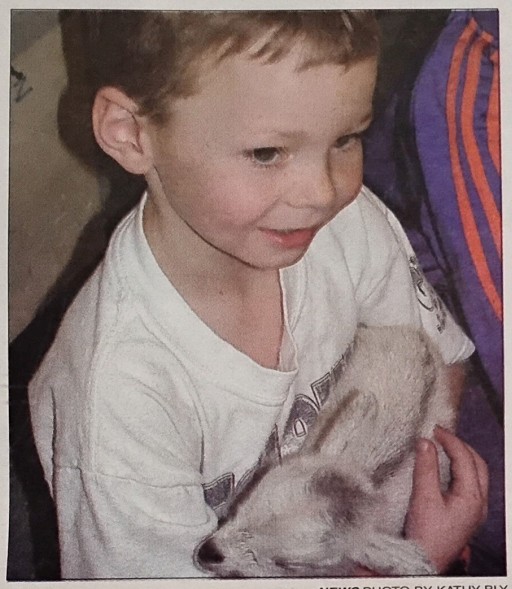

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KID AND KID: *It may be a bit early for the arrival of spring farm babies but Grade 1 Jennie Emery elementary student Jay Thielmann and his family got a surprise last week with the arrival of Pygmy goat triplets at their home near Coaldale.*

Foundations share in home lottery funds

Health foundations in Coaldale and Picture Butte will share in the success of the recent DreamLife Lottery.

This is the second year hospitals in the Chinook Health Region have hosted the lottery which raffles off a new home with proceeds benefiting health care in the region.

In 2002 the lottery raised more than $130,000 with the majority, $82,000 going to the Lethbridge Regional Hospital for the purchase of patient lifts for acute care units in the hospital. The remaining $48,000 is being shared between health foundations throughout the region.

The Lethbridge Regional Hospital Foundation has been busy over the last week handing out the lottery funds. Board member Stan Klassen was in Coaldale Wednesday to deliver a $6,000 cheque to Coaldale Health Care Centre Foundation Chairman Jack Humphrey.

"On behalf of our foundation we are pleased to do it," said Klassen about sharing the money amongst the region's health foundations.

He said it's only right to do so because the tickets on the DreamLife home are purchased all over the region and the health foundations serve the same people who in turn are supporting the lottery fundraiser.

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'Butte residents facing tax changes

Picture Butte residents can expect to see a change in their tax assessment later this year.

Town council met for a special meeting last Monday to discuss the 2003 budget. CAO Norm McInnis said the town changed assessors this year to Benchmark Assessment Consultants Inc. and a review of the town's assessment found that not all of the properties in the community were being assessed at market value.

According to the Municipal Government Act all homes, businesses and property must be assessed at 90 to 110 per cent of market value. The town had been working toward this assessment for the 2002 tax year but found this year adjustments to the assessments would be needed to meet the requirements of the MGA.

"There will be a shift is assessment in 2003," said McInnis. In some cases older homes are under valued and land in general in the community has been under valued. The town has also met with its auditors for a review of the town's books for 2002 and Picture Butte has been given more than a passing grade.

"It went very, very well this year."

McInnis said it went so well the town will be able to budget only $7,000 for audit fees in 2003 compared to $18,000 budgeted in 2002. The town was able to save on audit fees this year because the books were all in order and no additional bookkeeping was required by the auditors. He praised the work of assistant administrator Audrey Mortensen whose pre-audit work was deemed exceptional.

"The auditors had nothing but praise for her this year."

In the midst of the 2003 budget deliberations, McInnis said town council is also having a serious look at utility rates for water and sewer service in the community. He expects the sewer rates will likely go up and the rates for water will be redefined.

He said the town may also implement a separate rate for commercial and industrial water users in the community.

Also included in last week's budget discussions was the request from the Picture Butte Fire Department for on-call and call-out honouariums to be paid to volunteers who operate the ambulance service.

At Monday's meeting it was decided Mayor Jon Stevens will meet with the department to discuss this issue and other areas of mutual concern. Council will follow through with a motion it made at a December council meeting to redirect 10 per cent of the call-out revenue from the ambulance operation to on-call personnel.

The percentage works out to about $5,000 but is still shy of the $17,000 requested by the department to cover 2002's on-call and call-out honouariums.

FEED THE BIRDS

Saturday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Coaldale Community Centre

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County to clarify bylaw

The County of Lethbridge will seek to clarify its firearms control bylaw with RCMP after a local resident brought his concerns to county council over the discharge of firearms on residential land.

In a letter to council Brian Kinnee related problems he has encountered on his property south of Coalhurst. On more than one occasion rifles have been shot in direction of his property and livestock. In one incident the shots were fired near his two daughters. One incident resulted in the RCMP being called out but charges were not laid because the police indicated to him the county's bylaw covering the discharge of firearms did not apply to his property or the property from which the shots were fired.

"We are mad, this is enough. These people have demonstrated a complete lack of responsible behaviour as gun owners and as neighbours. We understand that they own their property, that's fine, but ownership does not give anyone the right to recklessly discharge firearms, endangering my children or anyone else's or in fact anybody period," he said in his letter.

He requested the county investigate and with the help of the RCMP develop a set of bylaws or regulations regarding firearms usage and the slaughtering of animals within areas of the county which are classified residential acreages or communities.

Coun. Mark Osaka questioned whether land has to be zoned country residential in order for gun control bylaws to be in affect. Nick Paladino, supervisor of planning and development, said there is a bylaw on the books covering the discharge of firearms. Bylaw 965 prohibits the discharge of guns or other firearms within specified areas of the county. These areas include all hamlets, parks, golf courses, public playgrounds, light industrial subdivisions and country residential subdivisions.

Paladino said in the case of Kinnee's land the area is residential but is not zoned group country residential. County planner Tom Golden said under the definition of country residential the area does fit the definition. He said the issue would be clearer if the county did zone the area country residential but his concern is the county would then be using one bylaw to define another. In this case it would be a development bylaw to define the firearms control bylaw.

Paladino said if the area in question was included in the map of specified areas under bylaw 965 the bylaw would have to be updated every time new country residential land was zoned as such.

"I'd be really hesitant to use re-zoning to address this issue," said Coun. John Kolk.

Paladino said if the county rezoned the land owned by Kinnee and others in that area as country residential they would also face other restrictions such as a limit on number of animals.

Osaka questioned whether the byalw would stand up on a firearms charge. He said according to the land use bylaw the area in question is country residential and the county could argue that the RCMP could have laid charges under the county's firearms control bylaw. He agreed to get in touch with the RCMP and let them know that under Bylaw 965 charges can be laid for discharging a firearm in area such as Kinnee's property.

"We do have a bylaw, they can press charges under the bylaw," he said.

Kinnee said he is not looking for charges to be laid for past incidents on his property but is looking for a way to deal with the issue in the future.

"If there is a bylaw in existence it should be enforced."

He said if the RCMP aren't going to enforce it, it needs to be clarified particularly in areas such as where his home is located with 12-18 other homes in close proximity to each other. Some of the homes are within 500 feet of each other.

"We're too close to be shooting gophers," he said. A heavy calibre rifle that can travel up to a mile should never be shot in the area with homes close enough to be within that range.

"We don't need this kind of grief. This whole thing is frustrating," he said. "Let's enforce the bylaws that are there."

He said everyone in the county should realize responsibility comes with ownership. Discharging firearms near residential developments is not moral behaviour.

NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

PLEASANT DUTY: Lethbridge Regional Hospital Foundation member Stan Klassen, with Jack Humphrey looking on, was in Coaldale last week to hand over $6,000 to the Coaldale Health Care Centre Foundation as its share in the recent hospitals' DreamLife Lottery.

Groups to share in $12,000

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Klassen said only through the co-operation of the LRH foundation and the other health foundations in the region is such a large fundraiser feasible each year. It's a venture none of the foundation could accomplish on its own. By working together they are able to share in the proceeds.

A matching $6,000 cheque is on its way to Picture Butte next week to be delivered to the North County Health Foundation. Chairman Marilyn Larter said with the future of health care services in the community still being negotiated with the CHR the foundation will hold off on any purchases until plans are finalized. She said the foundation would like to set up a palliative care room if such a room is part of the plans for future health care services in the community.

"$6,000 is a pretty nice sum," she said. The foundation is also working on tentative plans for a fundraising golf tournament later this spring.

Coaldale's share of the funds will be used towards paying for the chapel/spiritual centre already in use at the CHCC. Humphrey said the foundation still needs in the neighbourhood of $70,000 to completely pay off the new addition.

"We still need quite a bit of money for it," he said.

Health foundations in the Crowsnest Pass, Fort Macleod, Taber, at St. Michael's and Windy Slopes in Pincher Creek also received $6,000 each from the lottery proceeds.

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Doug connects with kids

Coalhurst teacher nominated for excellence in teaching

By Kathy Bly
Sunny South News

He admits to being both surprised and honoured by his nomination for an excellence in teaching award but Doug Orr is quick to share the praise with his fellow teachers.

Orr was nominated for the award by his students and is one of three nominated in the Palliser Regional Schools. The Coalhurst high school teacher joins fellow nominees Don Lee at Noble Central in Nobleford and Pat Wiebe at R.I. Baker middle school.

CHS student council president April Potvin, who also sits as student representative on the school council, nominated Orr for the recognition. *She said it is his love of children that shines through in his teaching.*

Potvin said he doesn't see himself as superior to his students but more of an equal.

"He knows how to teach," said the Grade 12 student. "He teaches to a person's individual needs."

Orr is in year 29 of his teaching career and in addition to teaching science classes also services as vice-principal at CHS. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Calgary and taught three years of high school science in Calgary before moving to Barons to be principal for five years.

He was at Barons before it became part of the County of Lethbridge school system and was encouraged by Dr. Jim Phelps to join the county's education system. He started out teaching at a local Hutterite colony school and then spent three years at CHS. Orr was asked to transfer to Kate Andrews high school because it was in need of a chemistry and physics teacher. He remained at the school until 2000 when he transferred back to CHS.

"It's a nice size school, a nice community. I enjoy it."

He said he really enjoys the closeness of the school and the way it allows him to get to know all the students in grades 7 through 12 not just those who are in his science classes.

"It's far more personal."

For Orr teaching is about the kids and not the subject or curriculum.

"Teaching is about connecting with the kids and making a difference in society, through the kids."

He recalls being asked recently what he taught, his answer was simple — kids. His focus has always been on the kids not on the subject. His philosophy of teaching is to first help kids believe in themselves and to recognize their strengths. Once they do this he can focus on building on those strengths.

"Whoever comes in our front door is who we teach."

A real supporter of public education, Orr believes all kids have talents and abilities and the role of teachers it to help them find that out.

"Our job is to help them believe in themselves and to find the tools."

His students joke about one of his favourite expressions, don't panic. He is quick to assure his students they have the ability to tackle the demands of their subject material.

He said its important for students to understand their talents and abilities are not the same but all talents are important. In his classroom kids are people, not 30 things to deal with. He believes in treating his students as individuals and with respect.

"Everyone in this building is a young adult, they need to be treated with respect."

He said he doesn't aim to be their friend, he understands the role of an authority figure but it doesn't mean the students are less or inferior. Orr didn't get the urge to be a teacher until his third year of university. He was asked by a fellow student to help him with his calculus. He found working with him was rewarding and he was hooked on teaching from that point on.

He has always been focused on his own learning. He has a graduate diploma in administration and a masters in curriculum from the University of Lethbridge. He is also student council advisor at CHS and admits he learns as much from his students as they do from him.

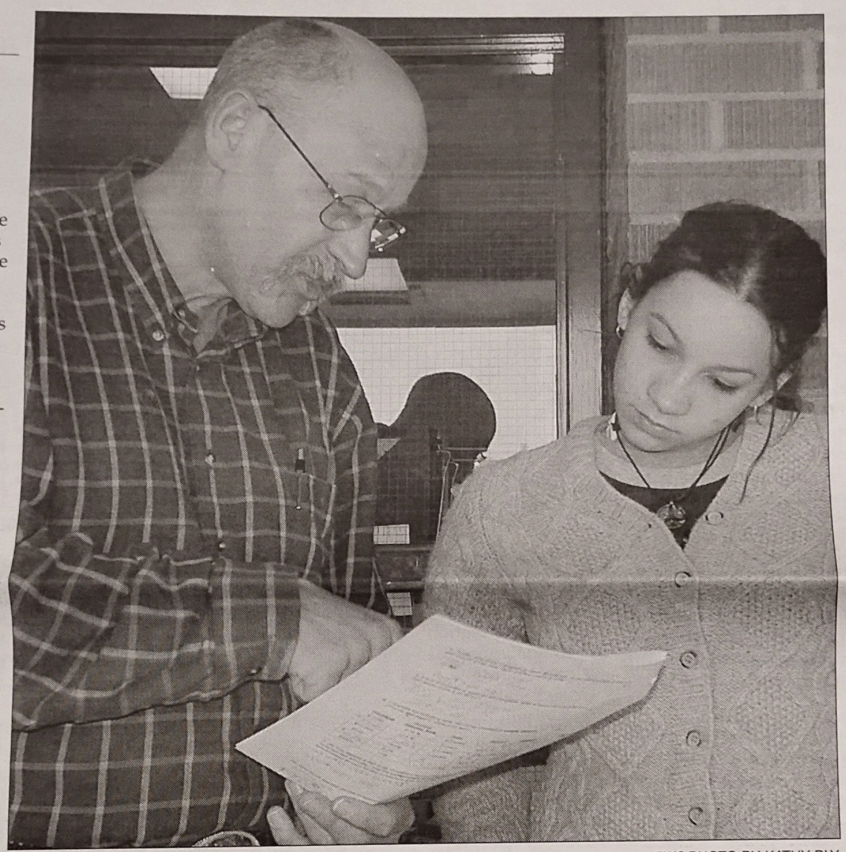
"When you stop learning yourself, that's when teaching gets boring."

Now with all the information available to students on the Internet at the click of a button Orr said he sees teachers becoming learning facilitators.

"It's far more important that kids learn they can learn."

Orr said he is still having fun teaching and has no plans to retire any time soon. When he's not in school he and his partner Lorraine Hill train dressage and jumping horses.

"I'm having fun still. Kids are fun. They keep you young. They are what makes it fun."



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THE CONNECTION: Coalhurst high school teacher Doug Orr, talking Lauren Jerke through a test question, believes in helping students uncover their individual talents and abilities. He has been nominated for an excellence in teaching award by his students.

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—The News says:—

Responsibility can't be forced

Despite what government officials were hoping when the feds implemented gun registration the fact remains, these laws are only in place for the law abiding.

A recent issue over responsible use of firearms arose in the County of Lethbridge which will require the county to clarify its bylaw prohibiting the discharge of guns or other firearms in specified areas of the county.

Ironically, if gun owners were all responsible in their handling of firearms and discharging of firearms such a bylaw would not even be required. Unfortunately, all it takes is one irresponsible act and every gun owner in the country pays the price.

Law abiding citizens are the ones who have registered their guns even though the criminal element, who are the ones committing crimes with guns, are not likely any time soon to register their weapons of choice.

Once again those who are already responsible gun owners are the ones who are penalized by having to undergo the cost and inconvenience of registering their guns.

Time has proven the gun registration is not only costly but not effective in controlling or even reducing crimes committed using a firearm.

Education seems to be the only affective tool for teaching responsible gun ownership. Responsibility is something even children can be taught at an early age. Learning to respect guns and learning how to properly handle guns will go a lot further in reducing gun related accidents and crimes committed with guns then all the registration forms in the world.

Mutual respect for gun owners and those who choose not to have guns in their home is also needed to ensure guns don't fall into the hands of innocent children or the criminal element. Enforcement is needed to drive home this point for people who refuse to take responsibility for their actions, but then that will always be the case with a percentage of society in general no matter what the issue.

Teaching respect and responsibility has to begin in the home but must be reinforced in schools and society in general. It may be time for the court systems to consider penalties that actually make a direct connection to the crime committed. Someone who has been charged with a firearms offence needs to spend time caring for someone who has been left permanently impaired by a gun shot. For the majority of society education will go a lot further than enforcement as a means of teaching responsibility.

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Prevent massacre of Iraqi children

Debby Gregorash
Community Comment

I read recently that half the population of Iraq is under the age of 15. If the United States attacks Iraq, it will be a slaughter of innocent children.

In the first Gulf War, the United States destroyed much of the infrastructure in the cities, where 76 per cent of the population of Iraq resides. The destruction of water treatment plants, for example caused great suffering to children.

The World Health Organization says that about 5,000 Iraqi children die each month, many of them as a result of water borne diseases. Children are far more susceptible to water borne diseases, like cholera, than are adults. Article 54 of the Geneva Conventions explicitly forbids rendering "useless" any "drinking water installations."

Depleted uranium coats bomb shells so that the bomb cuts through tanks, buildings and bomb shelters like a hot knife through butter. It causes cancer in those who breathe the dust and there has been a 17-fold increase in cancer in southern Iraq, where most of the battles took place a decade ago and there has been an increase in childhood leukemia.

Terrible birth defects have been showing up in Iraq since the previous war, as well. Children are being born without body parts or are born with grossly deformed skulls, distended bellies, gaping holes in their backs and other horrible deformities. So many babies are being born with birth defects that Iraqi women are now afraid to have children, especially in southern Iraq.

American soldiers who returned from the previous war in Iraq, are also sick with chronic ailments. The United Nations wants a worldwide ban on plating shells with depleted uranium, yet in spite of the horrors of this substance, and the fact that it has a radioactive half-life of about 4 billion years, the United States still plans to use it again.

The 1949 Geneva Conventions clearly states that warring parties "shall direct their operations only against military objectives." The Geneva Conventions specifically prohibits attacks that cannot be directed at a specific military objective.

President Bush and his administration don't seem to care at all about world conventions. The latest weapon they might use is called a microwave bomb, sometimes referred to as an E-Bomb. The E- Bomb is an enormous electromagnetic pulse (EMP) which will fry all communications cables, radio towers, phone systems, wires and microchips.

Traveling through the air or conducted by everything from railroad tracks to plumbing pipes, it will flash into homes and businesses and essentially terminate the 20th century as Conn Hallinan writes.

Firing one of these devices over Baghdad would knock out Iraqi tanks and anti-aircraft missiles, but a huge EMP would also cut electricity to every hospital and fuse the ignition systems on ambulances and destroy every generator and water pump in a city of 4.5 million people. This kind of attack is a violation of international law because it targets services that civilians will need to survive a war.

Who are the civilians again? Half are children. The military is eager to try out this deadly new toy on innocent civilians.

Warfare creates endless cycles of violence, destruction and death, just look at Israel and Palestine, and war kills our spirit, and cripples economies. War destroys communities and the families therein. So many children will die or be left orphans. How can the Bush administration expect the people of Iraq to thank them for that? How can such cruelty bring lasting peace? Is it any wonder that the peace marches are growing in size all around the world? Have mercy on the children, Mr. Bush.

News

Benefit concert to feed the birds

A benefit concert to feed the birds at the Alberta Birds of Prey Centre in Coaldale is set for this Saturday in the community centre.

Irish music by the Children of Lir band will be featured at the benefit concert to raise funds for feed.

The Cuchulainn Club of Lethbridge and the Kinsmen Club of Coaldale are working together on the benefit concert to aid the centre.

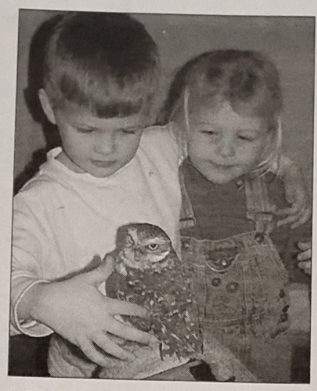
Tickets are $10 each with children 12 and under free and are available at Garden Grove Turbo, the Coaldale town office and Coaldale Insurance. The concert starts on Saturday, Mar. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the community centre and several birds of prey will be attending.

In the past the Alberta Birds of Prey Centre has been generously supplied with food from Lilydale Hatcheries but with the plant's closing went that regular food supply.

The centre appealed to the public for support and this appeal caught the attention of Anne Reid, president of the Cuchulainn Club and manager of Children of Lir.

She said many people had been made aware of the need for food for the birds and giving a benefit concert was a way to offer help by contributing music.

"The band wanted to do this for the birds and the community," she said.



BIRD VISIT: Alex, the burrowing owl, making friends with Evan and Aimee Weir, will be one of the birds on hand for the benefit concert featuring Irish music.

Even with the donations of food the birds of prey centre has to meet the nutritional requirements of the birds which will require purchasing other food supplies.

"It's definitely going to be an on going challenge," said the centre's Colin Weir.

When the centre lost its regular source of food for the birds of prey it looked to the community to help out. Weir said the centre was overwhelmed with the generosity of people in the region, all over the province and even across Canada and the world. Donations of money and food for the birds has helped keep everyone fed through the last four months. The centre is working on a long-term food supply plan but still needs help in the short-term.

Weir said the efforts to organize the concert to support the birds is appreciated and he also had high praise for Barb and Eric Hillman, who have not only volunteered at the centre but have been working to coordinate pick-up and delivery of donated meat.

"They've been lifesavers," he said.

Weir said just feeding the birds every day at the best of times is a full-time job and there is added work involved in preparing donated meat for the birds. In the winter time six people help with the feeding and the number of those involved at the centre jumps to 20 during the season.

The centre is expected to open on May 10 and this year there will be the addition of a model train with plans to expand the display outdoors over the next few years.

Weir notes the centre still continues to operate without government support. It first opened in 1990, eight years after Weir and Wendy Slaytor began looking after injured birds of prey in Coaldale.

Coaldale to adopt new model for delivery of health services

A new model for health care services in Coaldale will be in place by April 1 but CEO Grace Williams said the facility has already been working with in the new structure for the past few months.

Under the new model the Coaldale Health Care Centre will operate with 44 beds, 40 as long term care, three as community support beds and one as a palliative care bed. The change will mean four less beds in long term care and three less community support beds but Williams said the reduction is already in place.

Laboratory and x-ray services will remain but there will be adjustments to urgent care. There will be a doctor on call 24-7 and there will be a registered nurse at the centre 24-7. The CHCC urgent care program will operate from 7 to 11 p.m. seven days a week and after that time on-call services will be provided outside of regular doctor's clinic hours and urgent care hours. The community will continue to rely on its current ambulance service and doctors.

Williams said the CHCC will operate a low to moderate risk service under a rural primary care program. Coaldale's centre will be a point of access for local health care services with "the right service for the right ailment at the right time".

In order to sustain and enhance the health care centre effective utilization of services is key. Williams said it's important for residents of the community and area to understand the differences between emergency, urgent care and routine care. Emergency services are for those which are life threatening such as a heart attack, traumatic injury or bleeding that won't stop.

Urgent care is for those cases which can't wait until regular doctor's office hours. Abdominal pain which steadily gets worse and obviously worsening symptoms over a 12-24 hour period would come under this definition. Routine care are for cases which can be handled within regular doctor's hours such as rash or a minor health problem.

Community and corporate support for fundraising is also a key element of sustaining and enhancing local health care services. Williams said donations, planned giving, corporate sponsorship and activities to increase awareness are all part of the equation.

The CHCC Foundation will increase its role in fundraising for the facility and its programs. Williams said just as in raising a child it will take a whole village to make the new health care model work.

"This is really what's going to make it successful."

She said political leaders, health care and public health staff, citizen volunteers, education, infrastructure and quality of life programs, churches and other support groups, businesses and emergency services such as ambulance, police and fire are all part of the plan for making it work.

Health care users also have a role in making the model work. Residents are encouraged to use health services wisely. A majority of ailments can be seen during regular doctor's office hours. After hours care should only be accessed if it is medically needed not out of convenience.

Williams said every time someone comes to urgent care it costs the system $110. Out of country patients will be billed $248. There is also a responsibility to stay well, live a healthy lifestyle.

"Wellness and prevention of illness improves your well being and improves accessibility to those that need it," said Williams. It's also important to stay informed, provide feedback on health services, get involved and share ideas on ways to improve health care in the community. The change to a new health model does impact local staffing and budget figures. As of April 1 about 10 nursing staff positions will be affected in some way, most in a reduction of hours. Williams said in all the CHCC has to reduce its budget by just over $1 million from last year.

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A QUICK LOOK AT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Events will be guaranteed space for a **minimum** of one week. Please submit your information at least five days before the intended publication date. Preference will be given to local events and submissions from community groups and organizations that do not receive the majority of their funding from governments.

Feb. 27

Historical society

The Barons and District Historical Society holds its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Seniors Drop-In. Remember to get your family history in and payment for a reserve copy of the new history book. For more information call Mary at 757-2424.

Feb. 28

Babysitting course

The deadline for registering for the March 8 babysitting course in Coaldale is this Friday. The course runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of $15 and is open to students over 11 years of age. To register call Sheila at 345-3000.

Feb. 28-Mar. 2

Men's bonspiel

Barons will host a men's bonspiel with a banquet Saturday evening. For more information call David at 757-2424 or Denise at 757-3695.

Mar. 1

Feed the birds

The Cuchulainn Club of Lethbridge and the Kinsmen Club of Coaldale will present a benefit concert for the Birds of Prey Centre at the Coaldale Community Centre on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. featuring Children of Lir and special guests. Tickets include entry for door prize draws and refreshments. Tickets available in Coaldale at the Garden Grove Turbo, Coaldale Insurance and the town office. For more information call 329-0131 or 382-0099.

Mar. 3

Little league

Picture Butte Little League registration will be held at St. Catherine's School from 7 to 9 p.m. For ages six to 16 years old. For more information call Lori 824-3049.

Rock painting

The Community Learning Council will offer a course in rock painting. For more information contact Kathy or Chris at 345-6009.

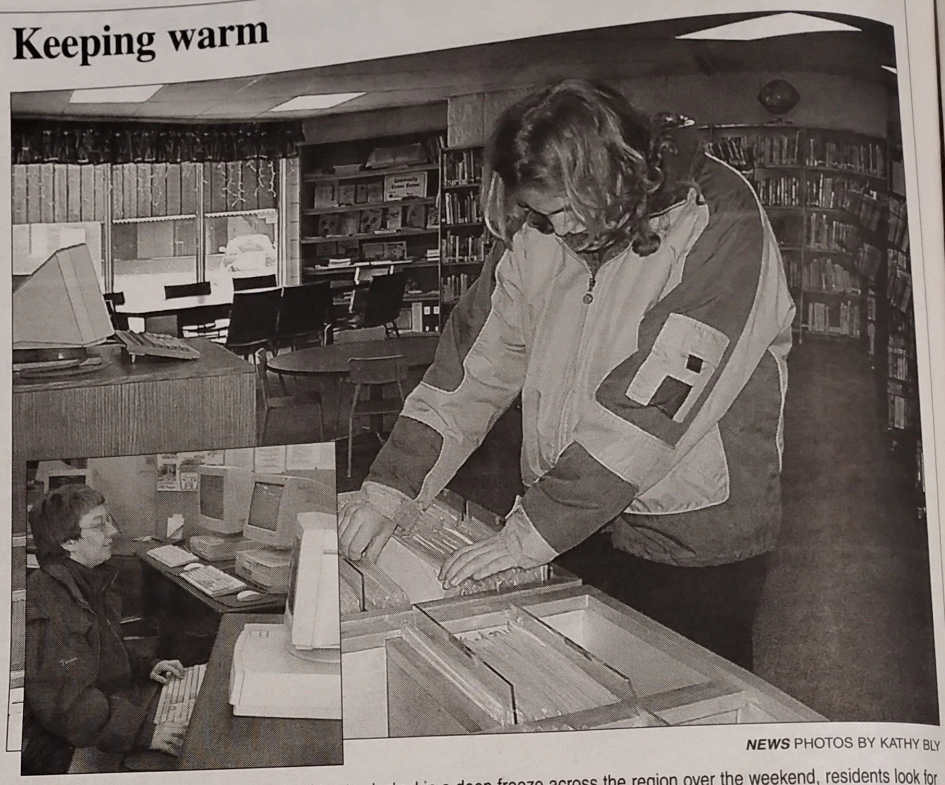
Oyster supper

The Picture Butte Lions Club hosts an Oyster supper at 6 p.m. in the Elks Hall. Everyone welcome for great food, great company, great raffle prizes and more. Please join us for an entertaining evening.

Alpha course

The Mennonite Brethren Church will host a course beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will explore questions such as the point of life, dealing with guilt, what happens when we die. Everyone welcome. For more information call 345-3120.

Keeping warm



NEWS PHOTOS BY KATHY BLY

STAYING PUT: As temperatures continued to stay locked in a deep freeze across the region over the weekend, residents look for ways to stay indoors. In Picture Butte Alexandra Van Zanten checks out the video titles available from the public library while Teresa Feist (INSET) takes time to use a library computer to check up on her e-mail.

Local parishes to host World Day of Prayer

Parishes in Coaldale and Picture Butte will share in the hosting of World Day of Prayer services Mar. 6 and 7.

The World Day of Prayer is set for Friday, Mar. 7 and a service will be held at the St. Catherine's church in Picture Butte at 7:30 p.m. The evening before, on Mar. 6, the St. Ambrose church in Coaldale will also host a similar service at 7 p.m. With the two churches sharing a minister, Father Tito Ranola, it was necessary to schedule two days to host the special international service.

Each year the World Day of Prayer, which originally began as a women's day of prayer, follows a different theme and a service developed by a different group in the world. This year the program is provided by the women of Lebanon and the service theme is Holy Spirit Fill Us.

Lebanon still suffers from political and economic problems and unrest following 17 years of civil war. It is now trying to rebuild its economy and find peace and stability despite ongoing Middle East conflict. The women of Lebanon are asking all groups around the world who are celebrating World Day of Prayer with them to plant a tree in solidarity with the Lebanese people who are trying to replant areas devastated by the war. Taking part in the service are Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and 2,000 communities across Canada. World Day of Prayer began as a day of prayer organized by women in Canada and the United States in 1920 and became an international World Day of Prayer in 1922.

Locally decisions are made on which songs and special selections are incorporated into the service which is being held all over the world. In Coaldale there are seven churches involved in this year's service and Rita Gensorek of St. Ambrose parish, said it is the one day a year all the churches come together.

She said it's of particular importance this year with the threat of war for all the churches to come together. Each year a different church acts as host for the event and this is the first time in several years the Catholics church in Coaldale has hosted.

"Everyone wants the same thing, peace," said Gensorek.

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'Butte plant given approval

With approval in hand to operate the new water treatment plant, Picture Butte's town council is protesting an accreditation requirement which goes into effect later this year.

At the end of January the town received a renewal of its existing approval from Alberta Environment under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) to operate its waterworks system. While other permits and licenses are also required the approval under the EPEA is necessary to continue to operate the town's water treatment plant.

"Our plant has no problems reaching our target," said CAO Norm McInnis.

In a review of the terms and conditions attached to the approval McInnis drew council's attention to a new requirement which goes into affect on Nov. 1, 2003. Under the analytical requirements for collection, preservation, storage, handling and analysis of samples the town will be required to ensure all "analytical data for the parameters to be monitored in this approval are produced by laboratories accredited for those parameters by the Standards Council of Canada" or an designated. McInnis said the requirement is unfair and will prove costly especially for smaller municipalities in the province.

He suggested if Alberta Environment is going to outline such a requirement in its terms and conditions it should provide a mobile unit which can travel around the province providing the service to municipalities. Coun. Art Vance said municipalities were warned the new requirement was coming and it was going to cost. McInnis said the requirement is too open ended and it would be better provided and monitored by Alberta Environment. He also suggested the town should bring up its concern with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA).

Mayor Jon Stevens said the town should take up the issue with Alberta Environment. Council agreed to write a letter to the government department noting the town's concerns.

Balancing act

NEWS PHOTOS BY KATHY BLY

MOTIVATIONAL MAGIC: He juggled, he joked and he even rode a unicycle but former principal Steve Harmer was focused on delivering his message of Be Aware and Care to students at R.I. Baker middle school in Coaldale last week. His bully awareness program combines magic with motivational comments to help students look out for each other and make their school safe for everyone.

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Congratulations to **Victoria Trautman** and **Tyler Daniels** for their successful participation as members of the 4-person team selected to represent Alberta (and Canada) in the 4-H Hippology Competition during the Denver Stock Show, competing against teams from all over the United States. Overall, the team placed 5th and Tyler, individually, placed 1st in the Identification Station Competition.

We invite all current 4-H members (any project) to compete in our **3rd Annual Jackpot Rodeo - Anniversary Edition** on **Saturday, April 26th** in Taber. Events include Goat Tying, Steer Riding, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping and more. Add to the fun a great silent auction and door prizes for a great day. For further information, contact Cathy at (403) 327-9716 or Ginny at (403) 345-2016. The public is welcome to attend - Admission is a silver collection with all proceeds going to the Lethbridge Regional Hospital. Come out and **support our youth of today, our achievers of the future.**

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(Otto Prummel)

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Sven Ericksen's Family Restaurant (Brian Wichers)

CLOTHING & SPORTSWEAR
Tex Style Sportswear & Embroidery (Dawn Wright)
The Stork's Nest (Karen/Cari)

CONVENIENCE STORES & GAS
7-Eleven Convenience Store
Garden Grove Turbo & Reddi Mart (Vicky/Ra...
Stop 'N Go (Blair/Dario)

COMPUTER SERVICES
Advance Micro Tek Inc. (John Hein)
Compu-Care (Wayne Foxall)

DAYCARE
Carelot Child Care Centre (Donna Stinn)

ELECTRICAL
Bill's Electric Ltd. (Coaldale) (Art Reger)
Kenner Electric (Ken Rogalsky)
Van Rijn Electric Ltd. (Hank/Jack Van Rijn)

FITNESS
Coaldale Fitness Club (Armand/Alberta)

FLOWERS
Linda's Flower Magic (Linda Nesting)

FOOD PROCESSOR
Coaldale Egg Farm (1979) Ltd. (Amir Mani)
McCain Foods (Canada)

FUNERAL HOMES
Coaldale Funeral Home Ltd. (Jack Humph...

GROCERIES/FOODS & MEAT
BLM Premium Foods (Goodlife) (Bill/Lyd...
Coaldale Bakery (Henry/Linda Van Mill)
The Food Market (Joe Tams)
Prairie Meats (Andrew Anderson)
Wiebe Sausage Works (John Wiebe)

HOTELS & MOTELS
Coaldale Motor Inn (Janie/Jim)
Ventura Hotel (Sam/Sue)

LEGAL
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Vincent A. Lammi Law Office (Vincen...

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Ventura Pub & Liquor Store (Sam/S...

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(Dr. Peter MacLean/Dr. Jacki...
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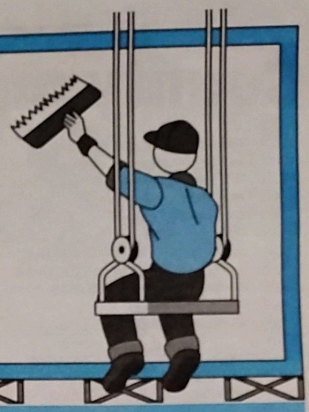

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Coaldale Vision Centre (Dr. Robert French)
Curtis Family Chiropractic (Dr. Mark Curtis)
Good Health Dispensary (John Bykowski)
Harper Chiropractic (Dr. L. Harper/Dr. P. Gaulin)

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Miller's Lawn Maintenance
Rehoboth Christian Ministries (Alex Hann)

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Land-O-Lakes Food & Beverage (Fred/Linda)
McLennan's Cocktails & Cues (Tim McLennan)
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Subway (Charlotte Jones)
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Kate Andrews High School
Pass Plus Outreach School

SCHOOLS
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Coaldale Chamber of Commerce (Peggy Stuckless)
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Coaldale Giftware & Antiques (Carol Cruickshank)
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Coaldale Transport (Bill Dyck)
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Nomination _____

Why do you nominate this person? _____

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Name: _____ Address: _____

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County of Lethbridge minutes

County meets Jan. 22

Minutes of the regular meeting of the council of the County of Lethbridge held Jan. 22, 2003 in the county administrative office, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Present: Division No. 7 - D. Oseen, Reeve; Division No. 1 - L. Hickey, Deputy Reeve; Division No. 2 - J. Willms; Division No. 3 - E. Wauters ; Division No. 4 - M. Osaka; Division No. 5 - H. Rutz and Division No. 6 - J. Kolk.

Administration present: County Manager - L. Johnson; Director of Corporate Services - D. Shigematsu; Director of Municipal Services - D. Climenhaga; Sup. of Ag & Municipal Services - J. Vanden Broeke; Supervisor of Fleet Services - R. Snowdon and Recording Secretary - L. Megella

Reeve David Oseen in the chair. Call to order: Reeve Oseen called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Amendments to the Agenda. County Manager Layne Johnson advised that there were no additions/deletions to the Jan. 22 agenda. Some additional information was circulated for items already on the agenda. Moved Council approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

B1. Confirmation of Minutes. It was noted that since not all members of Council would be in attendance in the afternoon, that Item G1 - East County/SMRID/Coaldale Drainage Issues and Item J1 - Report from the Labour Relations Committee be discussed prior to recessing for lunch. Moved that Item G1 - East County/SMRID/Coaldale Drainage Issues and Item J1 - Report from the Labour Relations Committee be discussed prior to recessing for lunch. Carried.

Moved the minutes of the Jan. 9, 2003 Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried.

Reports C1. Reeve Oseen reviewed a written report at this time, which included an overview of: Chinook Health Region: restructuring and boundaries, election of board members and funding formula Presentation on the Oldman River Basin Water Quality Initiative. Southwest Alberta Communities Initiative: funding. Foothills Little Bow Meeting. Attending Farmers' Advocate Meeting - Jan. 28, 2003. Moved the Reeve's report be accepted as presented. Carried. Council held a discussion concerning the Farm Assessment Review Committee's Report and Recommendation to the Provincial Government that was reported on by A.A.M.D. & C. President Jack Hayden during the Jan. 17 Foothills Little Bow Meeting. Moved that correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting clarification on the implementation process for recommendations in the Farm Assessment Review Committee Report, with copies of the correspondence being forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Agriculture, Barry McFarland, M.L.A - Little Bow Constituency, and the Farm Assessment Review Committee. Carried.

C2. County Manager Layne Johnson reviewed his activity report for the month of December 2002 with Council. Moved the County Manager's report for the month of December 2002 be accepted as presented. Carried.

C3. Director of Corporate Services Dennis Shigematsu reviewed his activity report for the month of December 2002 with Council. Moved the Director of Corporate Services report for the month of December 2002 be accepted as presented. Carried. Council held a discussion concerning the Federal Government's program to install security devices at the Lethbridge County Airport. It was suggested that a representative from the Canadian Airport Transport Security Authority (CATSA) be invited to attend a future Council meeting to discuss the installation of security devices. Moved that a representative from the Canadian Airport Transport Security Authority (CATSA) be invited to attend a future Council meeting to discuss the installation of security devices at the Lethbridge County Airport. Carried.

C4. Director of Municipal Services Duane Climenhaga reviewed his activity report for the month of December 2002 with Council. Moved the Director of Municipal Services report for the month of December 2002 be accepted as presented. Carried.

C5. Supervisor of Public Works - No report

C6. Supervisor of Ag and Municipal Services John Vanden Broeke reviewed his activity report for the period Dec. 12 to Jan. 16, 2003 with Council. Moved the Supervisor of Ag and Municipal Services report for the period Dec. 12 to Jan. 16, 2003 be accepted as presented. Carried.

C7. Soil Conservation Technologist/GIS Coordinator. In the absence of the Soil Conservation Technologist/GIS Coordinator, John Vanden Broeke, Supervisor of Ag & Municipal Services reviewed with Council the activity report of the Soil Conservation Technologist/GIS Coordinator for the month of December 2002. Moved the Soil Conservation Technologist/GIS Coordinator report for the month of December 2002 be accepted as presented. Carried.

C8. Supervisor of Fleet Services Robert Snowdon reviewed his activity report to Jan. 16, 2003 with Council. Moved the Supervisor of Fleet Services report to Jan. 16, 2003 be accepted as presented. Carried.

Public Works Matters G1. East County/SMRID/Coaldale Drainage Issues. Moved that Item G1 - East County/SMRID/Coaldale Drainage Issues be brought back to the table. Carried.

During the Jan. 9 Council meeting, Council reviewed information regarding the east County/SMRID/Coaldale drainage issues. A resolution was passed by Council indicating that since not all members of Council were present, that the item be tabled until the Jan. 22 Council meeting. At this time, County Manager Layne Johnson reviewed with Council the information presented during the Jan. 9 Council meeting. Council held a discussion concerning the matter. Moved correspondence be forwarded to the S.M.R.I.D. indicating that the County of Lethbridge is already funding drainage initiatives at an estimated rate of 33 cents per acre for the entire area encompassed by the County and rather than establish a separate levy for joint drainage projects, the County is prepared to continue working with the SMRID on a case-by-case basis. Carried. Council held a discussion concerning the formation of a drainage policy. It was determined that before a draft policy on drainage was created, further discussion take place on the issue. Moved that Council engage in further discussion on joint drainage issues during a future Council meeting. Carried.

In-Camera J1. Report from the Labour Relations Committee. Moved Council go into a "Committee of the Whole" at 11:20 a.m. Carried. Moved Council come out of a "Committee of the Whole" at 11:37 a.m. Carried.

Appointments D1. 11:30 a.m. - M. D. of Taber Council: Cecil Wiest and Murray Brown Re: PH 521. Mr. Brown, Mr. Wiest, and Council discussed the following: In 1996 and 1998, the portion of PH 521 in the M.D. of Taber was re-built to current standards. The M.D. of Taber is presently looking at PH 521 as there are residents that live adjacent to the road, and a lot of traffic. If the road was paved, it would take the pressure off of PH 526. Each time a request is forwarded to Alberta Transportation for PH 521 by the M.D. of Taber, it is noted that the last two miles in the County of Lethbridge has not been completed.

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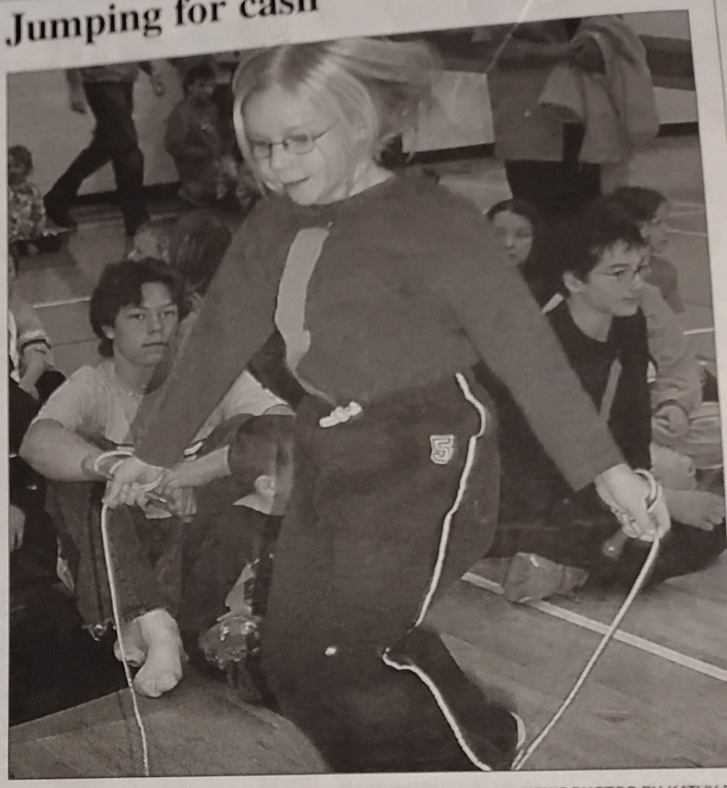

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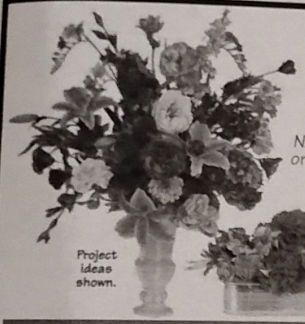

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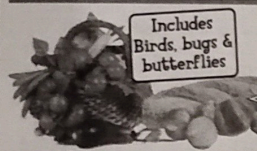

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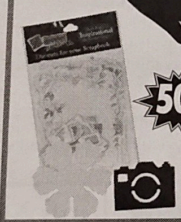

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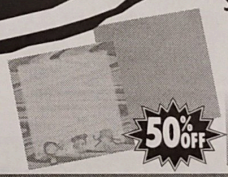

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Muncipalities to lobby for highway work

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Both municipalities need to lobby the Government together for PH 521. PH 521 is a Priority 4 or 5 on the County of Lethbridge road construction list, and Priority 2 for the M.D. of Taber. Concerns were expressed regarding the paving of the road because of the Turin hill. Possibility of widening PH 526, however, there are a lot of bridges located on the road. Questions were raised from residents in the M.D. of Taber regarding the water line extension north of the Hamlet of Chin. Residents wonder if capacity is still available. It was noted that there was a limit of seven water units previously approved. There is potential for more units to become available, however, the applications from County residents must first be filled before additional services in the M.D. of Taber would be considered. The County of Lethbridge was commended for their work on the water line.

D2. 1:10 p.m. - Stephanie Palechek, SMRID, Wildlife Habitat Technician and Rick Martin, Eastern Irrigation District - Brooks Re: Partners in Habitat Development Program. Reeve Oseen welcomed Stephanie Palechek, Wildlife Habitat Technician from the SMRID and Rick Martin from the Eastern Irrigation District to the meeting at 1:07 p.m. Council introduced themselves to the delegation. Ms. Palecheck thanked Council for giving her the opportunity of speaking to them today. Ms. Palechek noted the following: The Southern Alberta Partners in Habitat Development is a new habitat initiative developed to improve wildlife habitat within the cultivated regions of the Southern Alberta Irrigation Districts. The program benefits all types of wildlife. The Program has attracted many organizations, these being: Eastern Irrigation District; Pheasants Forever, Calgary Chapter; Alberta Conservation Association; Ducks Unlimited Canada; Alberta Natural Resources Service; County of Newell; Brooks & District Fish and Game Association; Brooks Pheasant Festival Committee; Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development; PRFA, and the SMRID. Project implementations include: plant 10,000 to 50,000 trees and shrubs annually, maintain and upgrade existing habitat areas, assist private landowners with developing wildlife habitat on their lands including shelter belts and pivot corners, establish winter food plots for wildlife in partnership with private landowners, establish habitat projects along irrigation canal and reservoir rights-of-way, and provide a vehicle for preserving habitat and creating new habit during irrigation canal rehabilitation work. Components of the project: existing habitat site, construction, wetlands, supply feed barrels, food plots, wildlife surveys, education and information, and fundraising. Two methods of tree planting were reviewed. Purpose of the presentation was to inform Council about the Program. Council was also requested to inform landowners who they feel may be interested in this type of program. Mr. Martin further noted that: Staff are working through the Irrigation Districts. Idea of the Program is to work on habitat development. Keying in on Irrigation Districts and hoping municipalities will be supportive of the Program. County of Newell has assisted in the Program, and is a major partner. Already has 160 landowners signed up for the Program. Program is very flexible.

D3. 1:30 p.m. - S.D. Application #2002-0-216 - Van Buuran & Soenen - N.E. 1/4 & S.E. 1/4 16-9-22-W4. Tom Golden, Planner indicated the purpose of the application is to create a 5.30 acre parcel from an existing title of 79.80 acres. Since a subdivision of a parcel of this size is not allowed under the Land Use By-Law, the applicant purposes to consolidate the residual parcel from another subdivision. The second subdivision proposes to divide a 14.37 acre parcel into a 3.3 acre parcel and 11 acres using the CPR railway as the boundary. It is also proposed to close the road allowance between the railway and the highway. The resulting parcels would be: one 5.3 acre parcel with structures, one 3.3 acre parcel with structures, and one 74.5 acre parcel made up of the closed road and residual parcels. An approval may be considered as in the 5.3 acre portion of the application, no additional parcels are created and the 3.3 acre parcel is a parcel cut off by the railway. Conditions of approval may include: a) payment of any outstanding property taxes, b) development agreement, c) approval of road closure, and d) consolidation of parcels as shown in application. Connie Peterson, of Brown Okamura & Associates noted that the Soenen farmstead has been on the parcel for many years, and the Van Buuran homestead has been on the parcel for 30 years. All the property is on the same title, and the landowners would like separate titles for each homestead. Moved that the Agricultural / Country Residential subdivision of the NE1/4-9 and SE1/4-16-9-22-W4M (Certificate of Title No. 155 Q 149 and 021 326 514 +1), to create two country residential parcels containing 3.30 (1.3 ha) and 5.30 (2.1 ha) acres respectively and a 74.50 (30.1 ha) acre agricultural parcel; Be Approved subject to the following: Reserve: The 10 per cent reserve requirement, pursuant to Sections 666 and 667 of the Municipal Government Act, be provided as money in place of land on the 3.3 at the market value of $2,890 per acre and 5.3 acres at the market value of $1,600 per acre with the actual acreage and amount to be paid to the County of Lethbridge be determined at the final stage, for Municipal Reserve purposes. Conditions: 1. That, pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act, all outstanding property taxes shall be paid to the County of Lethbridge. 2. That, pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, the applicant or owner or both enter into a Development Agreement with the County of Lethbridge. 3. That the proposed residual 8 acre parcel be consolidated with the adjacent parcel to the north to create a 74 acre lot in a manner such that the resulting Certificate of Title could not be subdivided without the approval of the Subdivision Authority. 4. That the road allowance between the rail right-of-way and the highway right-of-way be closed and consolidated with the 74 acre parcel. 5. That the easement as required by ATCO Gas shall be established prior to finalization of the application. 6. That the access easement as required by AltaLink shall be established to their satisfaction prior to finalization of the application. Reasons: 1. The Subdivision Authority is of the opinion that the subdivision complies with the intent of the Municipal Development Plan. 2. The Subdivision Authority is satisfied that the proposed subdivision is suitable for the purpose for which the subdivision is intended pursuant to Section 7 of the Subdivision and Development Regulation. 3. The local Subdivision Authority is authorized to waive the minimum agricultural parcel size in order to accommodate the proposed parcel to be created and the residual parcel. Informative: (a) The Subdivision Approval Authority of the County of Lethbridge waived the minimum parcel size requirement in accordance with Section 654(2) of the Municipal Government Act. (b) ATCO Gas "require an easement to cover our unprotected gas line. Please contact Frank DeCoste in our Lethbridge Office at 380-5417 to arrange to have the documents signed." (c) Chinook Health Region has no objections "provided that the septic system is approved and installed in accordance with an accredited agency under the Safety Codes Act." (d) Telus has no objections. (e) LNID endorsed the application subject to the following conditions: 1. Should a domestic water supply be required on the subdivided portion, the owner must first obtain an agreement for such use. 2. An easement against the original parcel in favor of the subdivided portion must be in place for the supply of domestic water if required. 3. Any access to District works for the supply of water required as a result of this subdivision is subject to license and payment of all applicable costs. (f) AltaLink Management advised: Access can be done along the road allowance on both sides of the railway right-of-way, and possible off right-of-way if the landowner does not want AltaLink driving across his field, there could be a lease agreement between the landowner and the County for him using the road allowance. AltaLink will require access to the existing powerline and structures at all times. Should any fences be fixed, added, or changed, access gates will be required. The landowner can contact AltaLink on these gates. AltaLink will require a copy of any development plans for this area to review and approve prior to any construction commencing. (g) Alberta Transportation advised "The proposal is contrary to Section 14 and subject to the requirements of Section 15(2) of the Subdivision and Development Regulation, being Alberta Regulation 43/2002, hereafter referred to as "the regulation". The parcels to be created will be well removed and physically separated by the CPR right-of-way from Highway 3 with access to the being gained by the local road system.

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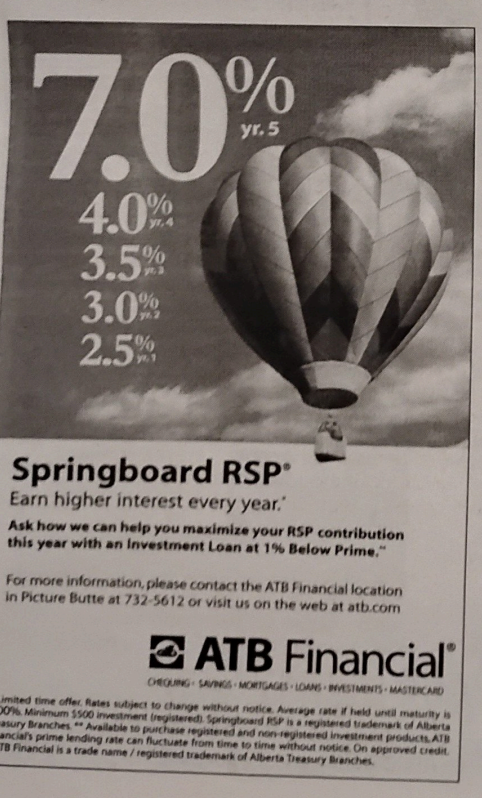

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Development Permit #2003-16
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SW.31.9.22.W4M (Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 8710541)
New residence (modular) to replace older one

Development Permit #2003-17
Wes & Sheryl-Ann Giacchetta
SW.29.8.18.W4
New Residence

DATED AT LETHBRIDGE THIS 25th day of February, 2003

NICK PALADINO,
SUPERVISOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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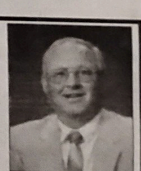

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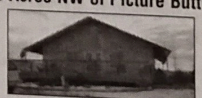

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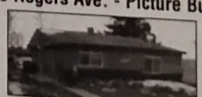

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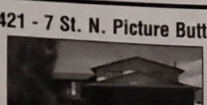

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County council approves development application

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D1. 11:30 a.m. - M.D. of Taber Council - Cecil Wiest and Murray Brown Re: PH 521. Moved that discussion take place regarding the County's priority for PH 521 during the next 2003 Budget Meeting, and further that the Reeve and Deputy Reeve meet together with M.D. of Taber representatives and Alberta Transportation officials during the A.A.M.D. & C. Spring Convention regarding PH 521. Carried.

D4. 2 p.m. - Terry Courtney Re: Request for Tax Relief on Property in the Hamlet of Monarch. Reeve Oseen welcomed Mr. Terry Courtney to the meeting at 1:59 p.m. Council introduced themselves to Mr. Courtney. Mr. Courtney noted the following: His property has no above ground water. Water was coming in where digging was taking place. Phoned the County many times to come out and look at the problem. He was told someone would come out to look at the problem, but it was not resolved. Water was coming from the street. The water has kept him from renting and/or selling the property. When the County was replacing the water mains and service connections, he was told to wait and see if the problem would be alleviated, which it was. The clay body was likely causing a perched water table. Never had the problem before, and now the problem is gone. 2000 and 2001 were dry years and the surface water continued throughout the winter. He tested the water level with a piezometer, and found that there was very little water at the bottom. Mr. Courtney was told the water may have been escaping from the old lines. He is requesting tax relief for 2000 and 2001. Duane Climenhaga, Director of Municipal Services noted that the construction on the water mains commenced three years ago in the *Hamlet of Monarch, and the old water line was kept* in service until the new water line was completed. Moved that Council approve taxation relief of the municipal portion only for a total of $587.46 for Roll Number 61700000, Plan 8210515, Block 15, Lot 18 - S.W. 7-10-23-W4. The relief is for problems encountered with the property in 2000 and 2001. Carried.

Agricultural Matters E1. Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award. Duane Charlesworth, Asst. Supervisor of Ag & Municipal Services reviewed with Council correspondence received from the Calgary Exhibition & Stampede regarding the Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award. Council held a brief discussion concerning the matter. It was suggested that Council members select a farm family for the area north of the river and the information be brought back to the Feb. 20 Council meeting. Moved that Council members select a farm family for the area north of the river and that the information be brought back to the Feb. 20 Council meeting. Carried.

E2. Fusarium Report - Jan. 14, 2003. Duane Charlesworth, Asst. Supervisor of Ag & Municipal Services gave Council an update on the implementation of the Fusarium Management Plan for the County of Lethbridge. Moved receive for information. Carried.

E3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Re: Request Agriculture Minister for Implementation of a Permanent Disaster Relief Fund. Council reviewed information received from the A.A.M.D. & C. regarding a letter writing campaign concerning Federal support for Agriculture. At the urging of the A.A.M.D. & C. President, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Board of Directors agreed to encourage a national letter writing campaign in support of rural communities. The intent of the campaign is to encourage rural municipalities to contact their provincial governments, and request provincial support in pressuring the Federal Government to implement a permanent disaster relief fund to address situations. Moved the County of Lethbridge forward correspondence to the Minister of Agriculture in support of a permanent disaster relief fund. Carried.

Airport Matters F1. Update and Discussion on Strategy for Airport Port-of-Entry Initiative. Dennis Shigematsu, Director of Corporate Services updated Council on the strategy for the Lethbridge County Airport port-of-entry initiative. Mr. Shigematsu further noted that a breakfast meeting will be held on Thursday with all players and a facilitator being in attendance. A luncheon is also scheduled on Friday with Senator Fairbairn. It was noted the lobby effort should be a balanced effort by all players. Concern was expressed that the County needs to be a leader in the initiative, as the County of Lethbridge is the owner of the Airport. Moved receive for information. Carried.

Planning, Development and Land Matters H1. Supervisor of Planning & Development Report. Council reviewed the Supervisor of Planning & Development report. Moved the Supervisor of Planning & Development report be accepted as presented. Carried.

H2. Development Application #2003-02 - Lots 2-6, Block 1, Plan 309 D.T. (Hamlet of Turin) - Cameron & Kelly Haughian. Layne Johnson, County Manager reviewed with Council Development Application #2003-02, Lots 2-6, Block 1, Plan 309 D.T. - Hamlet of Turin. The landowner would like to construct an addition to the front of his existing shop/quonset. The landowner operates a corral cleaning business and has been operating out of the existing shop for the past 16 years. The addition would allow him to park all of his trucks inside to curtail vandalism and theft. Because the area is classified as Hamlet Direct Control (H-DC) pursuant to the Land Use By-Law, County Council must issue the approval. Moved Council approve Development Application #2003-02 - Lots 2-6, Block 1, Plan 309 D.T. - Hamlet of Turin, Cameron & Kelly Haughian. Carried.

H3. Subdivision Application #2002-0-221 - County of Warner. The purpose of the application is to reconfigure two titles in the County of Warner in the N 1/2 1-7-20-W4 which run north to south over the quarter section lines by subdividing and consolidating two portions in the N.W. 1/4 north of the Stirling Drain to create a parcel containing 39.327 acres, and to subdivide the portion in the N.E. 1/4 above the north boundary of the drain creating a parcel of 58.707 acres in size from the two titles consisting of 298.579 acres and 223.592 acres for agricultural use. Moved that the Oldman River Intermunicipal Service Agency be informed that the County of Lethbridge has no objection to S.D. Application #2002-0-221 in the County of Warner - N 1/2 of 1-7-20-W4. Carried.

H4. Oldman River Intermunicipal Service Agency Re: Establishing a Regional Services Commission. Layne Johnson, County Manager reviewed with Council correspondence received from the Oldman River Intermunicipal Service Agency Chair regarding the establishment of a regional services commission. Moved that the County of Lethbridge join the Oldman River Regional Services Commission. Carried.

C9. Comptroller (December 2002 Bank Reconciliation, Cashflow, & Investments) In the absence of the Comptroller, the Director of Corporate Services Dennis Shigematsu reviewed with Council the December 2002 bank reconciliation, cash flow, and investments. Moved Council approve the bank reconciliation, cash flow, and investments for December 2002. Carried.

Administration and Finance I1. 2003 Budget Meeting Proposed for Feb. 13, 2003. Moved that a 2003 Budget Meeting be scheduled for Feb. 13, 2003. Carried. I2. Oldman River Basin Water Quality Initiative Re: Annual Contribution. County Manager Layne Johnson reviewed with Council correspondence received from the Oldman River Basin Water Quality Initiative regarding an annual contribution for the next five years of 33 cents per capita, which would equate to $3,276.90 per year for five years. Since the inception of the initiative in 1997, the County of Lethbridge has contributed $1,000 per year plus in-kind contributions estimated at $1,800 per year during the initial start up process. Council held a discussion concerning the matter. Moved that Oldman River Basin Water Quality Initiative Chair Barbara Lacey be invited to attend the Feb. 6 Council meeting to discuss the annual commitment request for the next five years, and the progress of the Initiative to date. Carried.

I3. Membership in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Moved the County of Lethbridge retain membership in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Carried.

At this time, Councillor M. Osaka reviewed Bill C-325 with Council, and further noted that Bill C-325 has been brought forward by MP Rick Casson. Bill C-325, if approved by the House of Commons, would amend the Income Tax Act to allow volunteer emergency workers to deduct $3,000 from their taxable income from any source.

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Hockey teams hit the ice

The Picture Butte novice Elks traveled to Kimberley for the Shooting Stars Tournament and had a successful weekend, winning three games.

The Elks beat Kimberley1 by a score of 10-1, Invermere by a 12-0 score and Kimberley2 in a 9-1 final. Point getters for the weekend were Brayden deBoer with five goals and two assists, Braden Shumaker with eight goals and two assists, Shawn Graham with five goals and six assists, Tyler Van Vaerenbergh with four goals and two assists, Riley deBoer with three goals, Braeson Schacher with two goals, three assists, Justin Fisher with two goals and an assist, Katie West with a goal and an assist, Jordan Mandel with a goal, Curtis Elaschuk with two assists and Braeden Hage with an assist.

Outstanding goaltenders were Matt Witdouck and Schacher, Hustler awards went to Brayden deBoer, West and Van Vaerenbergh.

Over the weekend the Elks hosted Lethbridge Swartz Reliance and won 8-4. Leading the way with a hat trick and an assist was Brayden deBoer. Riley deBoer had two goals and an assist, Graham and Taylor Vavra Peacock each had a goal and an assist and Ryan Nummi added a single. Assists came from Mandel, Shumaker and Van Vaerenbergh.

The Master Feed Cobras "A" atom team lost a 4-3 game to Vauxhall with two goals from Riley Vavra Peacock and one from Lynden Nummi. Both also collected assists. The Cobras also lost 4-1 to Lomond with one goal for Dustin Gillies.

The Cobras also tied Vauxhall in an earlier game by a 6-6 score with a hat trick from Nummi and singles from Tyler Elaschuk, Zebb Carpenter and Gillies. Assists came form Brandon Witdouck with three and singles from Soren Kester and Derek Murray. Kyle Vavra was in goal for all three games.

The Mighty Knights pre-novice team hosted Lethbridge and took the 5-4 loss. Cole Vavra Peacock had a single and Ryan Loman had three. Nathan deBoer was in net. The Knights also traveled to Cardston and took another loss 7-5. Payton Kohuch scored his first goal, Loman had another hat trick and Eric Schmidt sconred. Sharing goal tending duties were Brandon Hogan, Sam McInnis and deBoer.

The Picture Butte peewee Hawks played a league game against the Lethbridge Hurricanes which ended in a 3-3 tie. Scoring for the Hawks were Casey Simonsen, Ty Bodnar from Frankie West and Chris Moore, and Billy McInnis from West.

The Shimek UFA bantam Dragons lost to Nanton taking the team out of the provincial playoffs. Jesse Vander Heyden had a goal and an assist and Spencer Shimek had a single. The Dragons also played the Coaldale Cobras and took the 4-1 win with Justin Loman getting a goal and an assist, Vander Heyden with two and Mitchel Graham with a single. Jesse Ostermaier and David Zeinstra had assists. The Dragons also played Cardston and lost 5-4 with Graham scoring a hat trick and Mike Bezooyen with a single. Assists came from Loman, Derek Vance, Bezooyen and Vander Heyden. The team also took a narrow 4-3 win over the Lethbridge Subaru with Vander Heyden scoring two, Bezooyen with a goal and an assist, Zeinstra with a goal and Loman with an assist.

Kings take Bulldog Classic

The Picture Butte Sugar Kings have added another win to their high school basketball season record.

The Kings won a close 67-65 game over the Kainai Warriors Saturday to capture the Bulldog Classic. Jordan Reiter hit a game-high 26 points for the win at Winston Churchill high school.

The score was back and forth between the two teams with the Warriors leading at the half with a 35-33 score. Brennen Hanna added 13 points and Nathan Nieboer had 10 to help the Kings with the win.

In girls action five Coaldale Kate Andrews Pride hit double digits against the Kainai Lady Warriors to take the win 80-41. Nicole Hanna led the scoring with 18 for the Pride followed by Samantha Bier and Brianne Chabay each with 16. Alisha Marriott had 13 and Janene Hooper had 12 in the win.

In junior action the Pride also took the win 55-42 off a game-high 22 points from Lindsay Schellenberg and 12 from Shelley Oakes.

The Pride also took a win last week over the Catholic Central Cougars 83-44 with Marriott leading the way with 22 points and Hooper with 13. In the junior event the Pride lost 48-31 with Oakes netting seven in the loss.

Coaldale also lost a 75-62 game to Raymond with Chelsie Oberg scoring 18 points, Hanna with 13, Marriott with 12 and Hooper with 10.

The Pride boys took a 10 point-lead at the half and ended up winning 78-68 over the Winston Churchill Bulldogs in Deep South conference action last week. Todd Schellenberg and Darren Wannop each scored 14 points. In other league action the Kings rolled over Willow Creek 91-48 with Reiter scoring a game-high 35 points. Hanna had 19 more in the win and Richard Doersken hit for 17 for the Kings. In junior play David Murray had 19 points to lead the Kings to a 55-26 win and Rory Macleod added 11 points.

In Chinook league action the Sugar Queens beat F.P. Walshe 44-38 with Nicole Vander Heyden and Candace Nieboer each scoring 11 in the win. In junior play Picture Butte also came out on top 46-26.

In Southwest league action Jesse Lidster scored 41 points to lead Coalhurst to a 115-42 win over St. Mike's of Pincher Creek. Nathan Block had 21 and Taylor Ainsley had 18 for the winners.

In North County Basketball Association action Moxie's Storm defeated MicroAge Sonics 105-95 with Chris Wilde scoring 30, Gerald Luimes with 27 and Keith Pushor with 24 in the win. For the Sonics it was Darren Boras with 22, Jared Kilkenny with 17 and Brent Workman with 16.

Urban Tap Lagers defeated the Stallions 86-73 with Bob White and Jason Harrison each with 29 and Terry Hanna with 12 for the win. Leading the Stallions were Ryan Heggie with 24, Jack McMurray with 19 and Chad Titsing with 12. In the final game the Tar Heels beat the McLennans Bombers 115-79 with Cheyno Fennie scoring 35, Juan Halluk with 30 and Troy Parker with 12. On the Bombers side it was Jim Kamniski with 45 points and 13 from Ray Rumple.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY: Coaldale judokan siblings Jessica, left, Ben and Jaime Noji are focused on up coming competitions including the Canadian Winter Games for Ben and provincial competition for Jessica and Jaime.

Judo siblings focus on spring competitions

It's a busy time for Coaldale siblings Jaime, Jessica and Ben Noji as they prepare for judo competitions.

All three have been competing in the sport since they were children, following in the footsteps of older brother Matthew who is now on the University of Manitoba judo team.

Ben is off to the Canadian Winter Games as a member of Team Alberta with his sights set on making it to the medal ceremony. Sisters Jaime and Jessica are focused on provincials March 29. They will both be competing in two divisions with their goal of making it to the junior nationals this summer in Toronto. All three are working out daily on their own and training at the Lethbridge Judo Club three times a week. The trio also have to find time to study for their classes at Kate Andrews high school.

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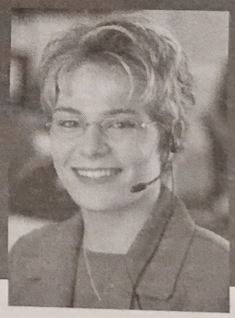

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